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**Montana Arts Council  
Percent-for-Art Program  
Missoula College**

**Opens: September 16, 2015**

**Closes: November 20, 2015, 11:59 p.m. M.D.T**

**Art Budget: \$157,000 with up to (3) possible design stipends of \$1,000 for  
Semi-Finalists; Selected Finished/Completed artwork will be by direct purchase**

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

AUGUST 27, 2014

Missoula College Building at the East Broadway Site  
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA



NORTH PERSPECTIVE

StudioFORMA  
ARCHITECTS

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Mark Headley, StudioForma Architects| Bozeman, MT

The selection committee will purchase and permanently install selected artwork.

### **Scope of the Project:**

Missoula College is under construction and is located across the river from the main campus of the University of Montana and Washington- Grizzly Stadium. This building will replace the current facilities of the Missoula College of Technology. The 5-story modern building will house the Culinary Arts program with an indoor and outdoor café and coffee bar to attract Missoula residents and tourists and a state-of-the-art Health Sciences Professions program, which will have practical labs alongside academic courses. Other degree programs include: Applied Arts and Sciences, Applied Computing and Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Applied Science, Business Technology and Industrial Technology.

Missoula College - University of Montana is the two-year college of The University of Montana, located in Missoula, Montana. The college was founded in 1956, and became part of The University of Montana in 1994. The College offers 35 programs including career, transfer and technical programs. In addition, the college provides workforce development for the region as well as dual credit courses for hundreds of high school students in the area, and works to support adults seeking new career opportunities or professional development.

To learn more about Missoula College: <http://mc.umt.edu/> and for more on the construction project:

[http://missoulain.com/news/local/missoula-college-construction-presents-challenges-interesting-components/article\\_09cdf386-8796-56ce-94ab-8dd78d12923c.html](http://missoulain.com/news/local/missoula-college-construction-presents-challenges-interesting-components/article_09cdf386-8796-56ce-94ab-8dd78d12923c.html)

The main entrance on the North Side of the building adjoins East Broadway Street and is a main artery for Missoula and connects along the river to East Missoula and will be visible from I-90. The Southside entrance is on the lower level and walks out into the landscape along the Clark Fork River. From the beginning, the architects and campus officials imagined a building that would respect the environment. An established Osprey nest sits on the site and all human activity will be stepped back from this much treasured nest. Sustainability was integral to those discussions and therefore, no water features or artwork requiring electricity will be selected.

The Selection Committee favors an “iconic” art piece to be installed along the green entryway, pedestrian walkways in from East Broadway towards the river, along the street itself, or in the landscape adjoining the river. Much attention was paid to sourcing materials through the Department of Natural Resources and many Montana products were specified for the construction of Missoula College. As there are many beautiful locations for artwork on the interior of the building, the Selection Committee hopes also to select a few pieces for either collector areas in lobby’s, corridors and conference rooms. All artwork selected must be in the public view.

The selection criteria will adhere to ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] requirements about protruding objects, and exhibits can't be displayed below 27" or above 80" from the finished floor and must not protrude more than 4 inches from the wall, for the reason that they can be hazardous to a person with low vision, or who is blind. In this building, it isn't practical to install a barrier to accommodate deeper artworks that project from the walls or sit in the middle of the floor. Sculpture will be considered with respect to public safety, vandalism, and protection of the artwork. All artwork will be hung or installed by the Missoula College/UM Facilities department with possible assistance from the artist, and possible professional art installers, and will adhere to appropriate installation standards.

It is the intention of the committee that these artworks will enhance the experience of the students, faculty, staff, alumni and the general public. It is their wish that the work exemplify creative expression and excellence. The committee would like applicants to consider the themes aligning with their programs, mission and the natural world and represent the ideas and passions of students, faculty and alumni who have come from all walks of life to study and begin their careers.

Additional details about the new Missoula College building:

- Artwork should speak to the heritage of campus and also offer a hopeful and progressive message about the mission and vision of the school.
- All sides of the building are equally beautiful and the parking areas are integrated into the building site and green spaces. The entire site will be well landscaped with trees and shrubs to enhance the aesthetic and blend into the river-front site.
- Building is 14 feet from floor to floor; walls are mostly 10 feet leaving 4 feet for mechanical chases.
- Wood ceiling elements, wood wall elements.
- Face of elevator wall is recycled blue pine.
- Wood panel systems add a natural warmth to the hallways.
- South side of the building is a curtain wall, wood ceiling, wood in between, everything is wood, and then, glass floor to ceiling bringing the outdoors inside.
- Floors are carpet and tile.
- Wood and warm color palette.
- Looking out to the river, the view at each level gets more spectacular.
- There will be areas that will be high-profile. At the end of hallways would be really great places for artwork.
- Each floor has a lobby where the elevator arrives which also would be good for artwork.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors have conference rooms for students and faculty and they look out toward Mt. Jumbo.
- Ceiling in main atriums of each floor: Wood coffered soffits and wood for finished ceilings.

- The pedestrian component was very important to the community. Connect it to the walking and biking environment. Bicycle parking, trails, river with access to Broadway Street.
- Missoula College has a great renewable energy program. Environmental design, recycling, renewable energy, sensitive to the site. Those are the strong dominant things of this design. That's what this building is all about.
- Water features and objects needing illumination would not be appropriate.
- Kent Watson is our landscape architect
- East side – lawn. Outdoor gathering space. Also a future expansion area for the building.
- 100 foot diameter around Osprey nest needed clear space to protect the nest. Can't put anything tall by the Osprey nest. Eagles will sit and attack.
- Everything in this building is very tactile. You can interact with it
- **Substantial completion is planned for July 2017.**

Multiple artworks, from the same artist, will be considered.

**See links** to review [Identified Art Sites](#) and possible [Layout Ideas](#).

**See links:** [General Information](#) and [Guidelines for the Application Process](#) to learn more about creating a good application and complying with our selection criteria.